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1. Leaders of the Communist Party of Chile (PCCh) state that the Chilean Party is following the Party line as laid down by international Communists in maintaining the war between the capitalist countries and the Soviet Union as not unavoidable. Such a war may be stopped if a strong revolutionary labor movement is organized within each country, which the laborers would support by refusing to participate in any campaign against the USSR.
2. Party leaders feel that the revolutionary labor movement can be advanced in Chile through the reorganization of labor as it was before the division of the Confederacion de Trabajadores de Chile (CTCh). \* They hope to align Chilean workers with working people throughout the world who will join in refusing to fight against the Soviet Union. They can, for example, refuse to load ships and can instigate strikes in war industries.
3. Latin American Communist Parties, according to Chilean Party leaders, are not participating actively in Cominform activities at present. They state that this does not mean the Latin American Parties are not supporting the European Communists in a common world Party line. The difficulty lies in the fact that in the majority of Latin American countries, the Communist Party has been declared illegal, or its activities are closely watched or limited by the police. The governments of these countries, in order to inspire the confidence of foreign capital, try to keep labor activities to a minimum or stop them completely.
4. The Chilean Communists, estimated by their leaders to number 57,000 militants, are fighting for their existence and are only secondarily concerned with international policy. The PCCh is concerned, first of all, with restoring the political equilibrium of the left, restoring its legal status, and recovering public liberties. Without a press, without sufficient information on which to base decisions because of interference with foreign correspondence, and without means of publicizing its views, the PCCh has neglected the international aspect of the Party line.

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